

Laurel Lodge (Cedarcroft)
Arbutus Road
Greenlawn
Suffolk County
New York

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| STATE NEW YORK | COUNTY SUFFOLK | TOWN OR VICINITY GREENLAWN |
| HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) LAUREL LODGE | | HABS NO. NY-S703 |
| SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE CEDARCROFT | | |
| COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) ARBUTUS ROAD | | |
| DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) CIRCA MID-1920s OR 1930s. | ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) NOT KNOWN. | |
| SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The land on which the house and the three outbuildings stand was originally owned by Scudder, a scion of an old Long Island family and a lawyer. His property holdings were extensive and included waterfront property on Northport Harbor, pasture lands, meadows (con't to page 2) | | |
| STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) "Shingle Style" | | |
| MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wooden shingles with stone columns supporting porch roofs. | | |
| SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) | | |
| EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The main roof is gambreled, while the smaller, intersecting roofs have different styles. | | |
| INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The house has a massive floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace. Beamed ceilings. | | |
| MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES | | |
| PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The house and the outbuildings are in good condition. The 18 acres (out of 20 acres) of the property were recently conveyed to the Town of Huntington by the Grace family. | | |
| OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Some design elements of Laurel Lodge are similar to the School of Domestic Science - Applecroft Experimental Station in Greenlawn. The latter building was designed in 1910 by woman architect, Christine McGaffrey Frederick. Information on this architect (con't to p. | | |
| SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Most of this information is based on Catha Grace Rambusch's letter, dated November 21, 1980 | | |
| COMPILER, AFFILIATION Susan McCown, historian, Historic American Buildings Survey | | DATE November 25, 1980. |

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and apple orchards.

Scudder and a man named Kissam later subdivided the property and named it Cedarcroft. In 1900 Cedarcroft was sold to Dean Alvord, a land speculator from Brooklyn.

Alvord later defaulted the payments and the bank (either the Brooklyn Dime or the Greenpoint) foreclosed the land circa 1910-1920. Von Roosen, another Brooklyn man and owner of Standard Ink, bought the land from the bank. It was during Von Roosen's ownership of the property that the Laurel Lodge and the three outbuildings were built. In 1939 or 1940 Dr. Edwin J. Grace and his wife Gertrude Keating Grace bought the property from Von Roosen's widow.

OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE:

is available in two sources: Frederick, Christine McGaffrey. Household Engineering: Scientific Management in the Home. Published 1915.

Toree, Suzana. "The Model Domestic Environment: Icon or Option?" Women in American Architecture. pp. 18-31. Whitney Library of Design, 1977.

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